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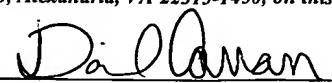
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- (X) 53 pages of specification, including 12 claims and an abstract.
- (X) an unexecuted oath or declaration, with power of attorney.
- (X) 29 sheet(s) of formal drawings(s).
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and cited references.

Preliminary Amendment

- (X) Please insert the following between the title and line 1 of the specification:
 "This is a continuation of International PCT Application No. PCT/JP01/06506 filed July 27, 2001."

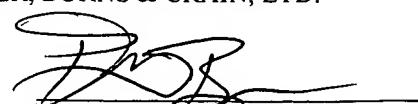
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a) Basic Fee				\$ 770.00
b) Independent Claims	<u>6</u>	-	<u>3</u>	= <u>3</u> x \$ 86.00 = <u>\$ 258.00</u>
c) Total Claims	<u>12</u>	-	<u>20</u>	= <u>0</u> x \$ 18.00 = <u>\$ _____</u>
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